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POETRY

WISHING

Do you wish the world were better? Let me
tell you what to do.
Set a watch upon your actions, keep them
always straight and true;
Rid your mind of selfish motives, let your
thoughts be clean and high,
You can make a little Eden of the sphere
you occupy.

Do you wish the world were wiser? Well,
suppose you make a start,
By accumulating wisdom in the scrap-book of
your heart.
Do not waste one page on folly; live to learn
and learn to live.
If you want to give men knowledge, you must
get it ere you give.

Do you wish the world were happy? Then
remember day by day
Just to scatter seeds of kindness as you pass
along the way,
For the pleasure of the many may be ofttimes
traced to one.
As the hand that plants the acorn shelters
armies from the sun.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Heaven is never deaf but when man's heart is dumb.

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Wherefore, verily I say unto you, that all things unto me are spiritual, and not at any time have I given unto you a law which was temporal; neither any man, nor the children of men; neither Adam your father, whom I created.
—Doctrine and Covenants 29: 34.

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THIS WEEK'S COVER

"BLESSINGS on him who first invented sleep! . . . It is a delicious moment certainly: . . . The good is to come, not past: the limbs have been just tired enough to render the remaining in one posture delightful: the labour of the day is done. A gentle failure of the perceptions comes creeping over one:—the spirit of consciousness disengages itself more and more, with slow and hushing degrees, like a mother detaching her hand from that of her sleeping child:—the mind seems to have a balmy lid resting over it like that of the eye;—'tis closing;—'tis more closing;—'tis closed. The mysterious spirit has gone to take its airy rounds."—Leigh Hunt.

Christian Aspects Of Totalitarianism

THE GOVERNMENTS OF MEN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD

By Nephi L. Morris

THIS strange new word called "Totalitarianism" is not to be found in the older dictionaries. It is a word of modern coinage

Its meaning is thus defined: "Totalitarianism, or totalitarian, means, of or pertaining to a highly centralized government under the control of a political group which allows no recognition of representation in other political parties, as in Fascist Italy, or in Germany, under the Nazi regime."

Dr. Otto Strasser, once a convert of the Fuehrer, but now a fugitive from the Gestapo, was chief Nazi organizer in Berlin until he split with Hitler over Thyssen, recently explained Hitler's idea of a "negotiated peace." The Fuehrer said:

"We don't need peace in Europe; what we need is German domination over Europe. That is the true road to peace! There must be only one armed nation and we are that nation. Then the other peoples can go about their business under the protection of the German sword. If you compel a people for 50 years to stick at humble tasks, and remove every possibility and every memory of self-defence and the use of arms, then they acquire the habits and the ways of thought of slaves. Germans are the warrior caste of Europe; the other peoples are Europe's worker caste."

I don't wish to injure the feelings of any in criticising or condemning the attitude of a particular nation, but I speak of the principles that lie behind war, the motives that move men to violent recourse. The leaders of the great conflict which is now raging with such devastation and woe, are puffed up in their own conceit because of their present achievements, and they think themselves invincible. That is another weakness of human nature.

Someone said, the other day, that, "People who are wrapped up in themselves make very small packages." There was Alexander, called The Great, who died in ignominy and shame; Attila and Napoleon went the same course.

NO CHRISTIAN QUALITY

Now, as to the Christian aspects of totalitarianism: To be perfectly frank and direct, there is not one Christian quality in totalitarianism as it has manifested itself in action during the last year or two. It is the very anti-thesis, or opposite, of the teachings of Christ. For Christian love it offers intense hate, a cultivated, educated hatred for certain races and certain principles of government. For that sweet forgiveness taught by Christ it gives a furious revenge. For tolerance it offers racial extermination to the object of its hate, and for charity

it gives cruel reprisals with threefold vengeance. So I could parallel the opposites ad infinitum. I will do no more than repeat three verses from the Sermon on the Mount, to close this comparison:

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

"But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you:

"That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven; for He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

No discriminations, no punishments, but the equality of opportunity and divine favour if men will obediently accept the word of the Lord.

BATTLE IN HEAVEN

It is a strange thing for Christians to think that heaven was anything but a place of peace, yet heaven itself was once a battlefield. "There was war in heaven." I have looked through Bible commentaries from Matthew Henry, 1706, down to the commentaries by Robert Jamison, Faucett and Brown, covering the last 235 years, and I have not found a clear statement of the meaning of the war in heaven by any commentator.

John says (Revelation 12: 7-12):

"And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.

"And prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven.

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent called the devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

"And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdoms of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death."

More precious than life was the thing they fought for.

Continuing: "Therefore, rejoice ye heavens and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea; for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

Recall the dramatic mention of Christ, when He told His disciples: "For I beheld Satan as lightning cast down from heaven."

TREE OF KNOWLEDGE

"And I, the Lord God, formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and

man became a living soul, the first flesh upon the earth, the first man also; nevertheless, all things were before created; but spiritually they were created and made according to my word.

"And I, the Lord God, took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden, to dress it and to keep it.

"And I, the Lord God, commanded the man, saying: Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat,

"But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; nevertheless thou mayest choose for thyself, for it is given unto thee; but remember that I forbid it, for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

This comes from the same source: In speaking to Moses the Lord said:

"And I, the Lord God, spake unto Moses, saying: That Satan whom thou has commanded in the name of mine Only Begotten, is the same which was from the beginning, and he came before me, saying, Behold, here am I, send me, I will be thy son, and I will redeem mankind."

SATAN ASKS GLORY

"I will go down. I will save them, and not one soul shall be lost. Therefore I will do it, so give me thy glory."

"But, behold, my Beloved Son, which was my beloved from the beginning, said unto me: Father, thy will be done, and the glory be thine forever.

"Because that Satan rebelled against me, and sought to destroy the agency of man, which I, the Lord God, had given him, and also, that I should give unto him mine own power; by the power of mine Only Begotten, I caused that he should be cast down.

"And he became Satan, yea, even the devil, the father of all lies, to deceive and to blind men, and to lead them captive at his will, even as many as would not harken unto my voice." This was undoubtedly the first attempt at totalitarian rule.

When the Lord had placed man in the Garden of Eden with certain inhibition, and privileges, Satan came and whispered in the ear of man: "You will not die if you partake of the fruit of that tree." Satan, the deceiver, thus began to mislead man by lying to him.

CAIN SLAYS ABEL

He saw Cain looking enviously upon Abel's prosperity, enjoying divine favour because of his obedience. He made known to him the terrible secret that a man may commit murder and make gain by it. With that terrible knowledge made known to him, Cain, in a rage of jealousy and covetousness, rose up and slew Abel.

"And Cain gloried in what he had done, saying, I am free; surely the flocks of my brother falleth into my hands . . .

"And the children of men were numerous upon all the face of the land. And in those days Satan had great dominion

among men, and raged in their hearts; and from thenceforth came wars and bloodshed; and a man's hand was against his own brother, in administering death, because of secret works, seeking for power."

WAR FOR GAIN

And that is why men engage in war;—love of power and "to get gain."

I am impressed with the present trend of editorial thought. Says David Lawrence, writing under the heading, "Decay or Rebirth":

"Our choice lies between a system of coercion and a system of volition. The first path is easy—it needs only a dictator and a club when chaos comes."

APPEAL FOR FAITH

"The second is much the harder and hence worth a great deal more. It involves an appeal to renewed faith in God's power to give us the sinews of a new democratic life. It means a renewed confidence in human love as the greatest instrumentality which makes human freedom possible."

In another editorial he concludes thus:

"We have tried war and force, in the settlement of our disputes and conflicts. It is time to try something else. We have tried actual combat and it has failed. We have resorted to needless war with each other. Strikes and lockouts are merely confessions of man's failure to let conscience rule his every-day acts. It is a confession that distrust and dishonesty, when added to pride and stubbornness, can keep the Exile (God) from returning."

"Need we hesitate to allow God to mediate in our everyday disputes? There can be no shame or injured pride in bowing to His judgment, as it comes to us through the conscience of the individual. For if we but realize it, there are in store for us compensations greater than the empty victories of money and place. These compensations come eventually in the peace of soul, in the absence of fear, in the readiness some day to enter the Great Beyond with mind free and duty well done—a true reward for those who have the courage to lay aside the specious and transitory in our self-glorified civilization, and to accept instead thereof the enduring power of Divine guidance."

Brigham Young, in the old Tabernacle, back in 1855, spoke thus of the kingdom of God, as an earthly reality:

"If you and I could live in the flesh until the Kingdom of God is fully established and actually spread abroad to rule in a temporal point of view, we should find that it will sustain and uphold every individual in what they deem their individual rights, so far as they do not infringe upon the rights of their fellow creatures. For instance, if the Kingdom of God was now established upon the continent of North and South America, and actually held rule and dominion over what we call the United States, the Methodists would be protected just as much

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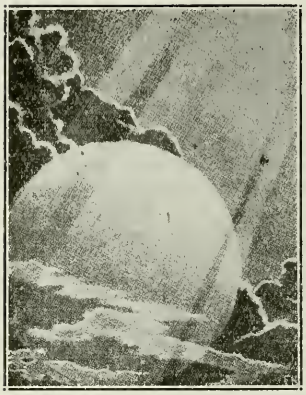
New World

By Brother Frank Smith
Of Sheffield District



MOST moderately informed people have at some time or other heard of the Mormon Pioneers, and the hardships which they endured can be readily appreciated by all. To Latter-day Saints, better acquainted with Church history, the feats performed by these men and women stand out clearly against a background of American history. How many of us could have done the same, or, in our own day, demonstrate to an ailing world our beliefs in so able a fashion. It is comparatively easy to give one's life for a Cause, but it is much harder to live for a Cause and have everything torn from one's grasp and still say, "I know that my Redeemer lives."

If we could only catch and hold the spirit that led them on; for nowadays the world needs pioneers to build a new foundation, set a better standard of living; and who is more fitted to build that new world than those Saints who are living the Gospel to its fullest extent?

The Pioneers can teach us many lessons. Even after they survived the perils of a trackless desert and a plague of crickets, new hardships which arose were met with the same indomitable spirit. As a result of false reports and corrupt Government officials, the United States sent an army to Utah to quell a fictitious rebellion. It was then that Brigham Young prepared to apply the scorched earth policy (a policy considered modern by most people), and they prepared to meet the troops who had openly boasted what they would do to the Mormons. After many consultations and great efforts by diplomatic Brigham Young, it was agreed that the troops march peaceably through the streets of the city and strike camp further south. Plans were well laid in case of treachery. Men piled furniture in heaps in their beloved homes and stood by with lighted torches ready to destroy if the troops broke file. Other men stood ready to uproot the fruit trees and destroy the crops. But God was their Friend and the destroying angel passed by. Did they say, "It's too much, it isn't worth it, God isn't just"? NO !

What was it that made the Saints so confident in their God and in their leader? It was because they lived in close harmony with one another and with God.

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What of today? To make a new world is a big task, a task

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Is World Contempt For Mormons Justified ?

THOSE WHO SEEK CALM AND SERENITY CAUTIONED BY CHURCH LEADER

From the Writings of President Joseph F. Smith

"IF ye were of the world, the world would love its own; but because ye are not of the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

The followers of Jesus were His chosen people, and because they were chosen by Him, the world hated them. The Jews were the chosen people of God, and because they were His chosen people the world hated them. Nowhere in the world today is the word Jew wholly disassociated with the feeling of contempt. The feelings may differ greatly in degree, but they are all of one kind.

The word Mormon, or Latter-day Saint, is everywhere likewise associated with feelings of contempt. Contempt is the heritage of a chosen people. Ought we therefore to court the contempt of the world? By no means. On the other hand, we should not be discouraged because it comes to us unsought. Some of our friends—mostly in the Church, some few out of it—would lift us out of the contempt of the world, and keep us out of it, if we would simply be governed by their counsels,

NEEDN'T BE DISCOURAGED

The truth is, we are not strangers to hatred; and the contempt of the world has been our lot so much that we have no reason to be discouraged when it comes, even in violent forms. The danger lies not so much in our own peculiarity as in the disposition of many of our people to court popularity at all costs, as though it were something devoutly to be wished for. There is too often a timid submission before the indignation storms that occasionally sweep over the country.

As a rule, Latter-day Saints find sufficient comfort in their religion to compensate them, and they are not greatly worried about the loss of outside sympathy. Some, however, hardly know how to get along without worldly intercourse, and are therefore greatly disturbed when their professed religion is brought into question and contempt. They set their hearts on the honours of men, and worldly ambitions actuate them in almost all that they do. They would have the Church adopt some acceptable policy and stick to it. The Church can have no policy in the sense that it can fix up a definite rule of action under all circumstances. No man can forsee the purposes of God in the unfolding of events. We must have some faith in a divine power, and in the mysterious ways of Providence. Much of our mission and work is outside the worldly ways and human ambition.

AGAINST THE STREAM

In truth, the Gospel is carrying us against the stream of passing humanity. We get in the way of purely human affairs

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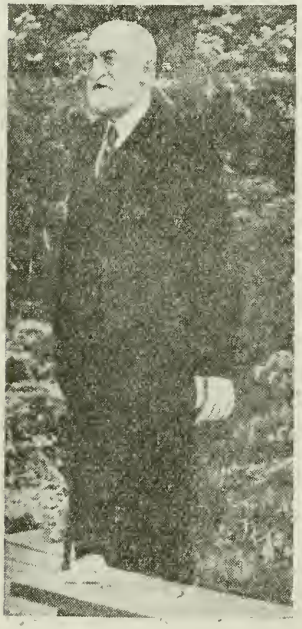
EDITORIAL

Response

OFTTIMES OUR BRETHREN IN POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY RECEIVE INSPIRATION THAT A CERTAIN THING SHOULD BE DONE, AND IT IS A WISE THING, I HAVE DISCOVERED, TO CARRY IT OUT, AND NOT URGE CONTRARY VIEWS TO THE CALLS AND DIRECTIONS THAT COME TO US FROM THOSE IN AUTHORITY.



President Heber J. Grant

I HAD a very great disappointment in my life by not listening to an inspiration that came once to John Henry Smith, my senior by two years in the quorum of the Twelve Apostles. I was appointed by President Lorenzo Snow to go to the City of Mexico and reopen the Mexican Mission, and it was a very great pleasure to me to have that appointment because my cousin, Anthony W. Ivins, was President of the Mexican colonists of the Juarez Stake of Zion. Also, I had never met Diaz. A great many people looked upon President Diaz as one of the greatest rulers in all the world, considering the conditions under which he had to rule, and I had always had a strong desire to meet him.

When this appointment came I was, therefore, very much delighted, and told President Snow that I was very pleased, but, I said, "Brother Snow, my mother, my wife and my daughters, most of them, are at Pacific Grove. I have been in the Council of the Twelve for nearly twenty years, and I have never taken a holiday, and I would very much appreciate it if I could have two or three weeks' holiday and go down and celebrate my mother's eightieth

birthday. I have arranged to be at Pacific Grove for this occasion, and when I return, I will go to the City of Mexico."

President Snow replied, "That will be all right, Brother Grant; you are perfectly welcome to that holiday."

After the meeting in the temple, Brother John Henry said, Heber, I have an impression that you should not go and celebrate your mother's eightieth birthday. He continued, "If you do go to California you will never have the privilege of seeing Diaz, and you will not have the privilege of opening the mission for the preaching of the Gospel to that nation."

I asked, "Why not?" and he replied, "If you go to California, you will not have that privilege."

I said, "Well now, Brother John, if you think you are going to frighten me from having a pleasant, delightful visit with my mother and the first holiday I have had in nineteen years, you are mistaken."

He said, "All right, you will never see Diaz, and I'll have to go and open the Mexican Mission. Of course, I've seen Diaz two or three times, but I'll be glad to see him again."

The day after I returned home from California I was called to go to Japan to open the mission there, and President Snow said to me, "Now, Brother Grant, you are engaged in many different businesses, and we will give you a whole year to arrange your affairs before you start on this mission, if you need it. If you can get ready in four, five, or six months, do so; but do not hurry; get out of your various business obligations as best you can, without too much sacrifice, and then go on your mission."

In response to these instructions, I said: "The first thing I want to do is to go down to the city of Mexico with my cousin and organize that mission."

President Snow replied, "There is no need of your doing that; there are plenty of men who can do that as well as you, and we will send somebody else."

"But," I said, "I want to do it." And then President Snow without hesitation replied, "Oh, that doesn't make any difference; we will appoint someone else—who shall we appoint?" He looked around and said, "John Henry, you go and do that." And when John Henry returned from filling my appointment in Mexico, he told me that he had had a very wonderful visit with Diaz.

Ofttimes our brethren in positions of responsibility receive inspiration that a certain thing should be done, and it is a wise thing, I have discovered, to carry it out, and not urge contrary views to the calls and directions that come to us from those in authority.

—President Heber J. Grant.

"Dedicating" Graves

By Dr. James E. Talmage

FUNERAL services as conducted by this Church are impressively simple. Appropriate hymns, expressive of hope, of life, and of the assured resurrection, brief addresses for the giving of which the guidance of the Holy Spirit should be diligently sought, so that their effect may be uplifting, comforting and reassuring to those who mourn, with invocation and benediction—these are the essentials in every such service.

The sermon, or address, in any case may include well-deserved eulogies of the departed, specification of worthy life and good deeds, while known faults, failings or weaknesses of the deceased may decently be left unmentioned. Funeral services are held for the good of the living, who remain, rather than for the benefit of the dead. Of what use to the departed worldly praise? Yet it would be to our shame to bury the bodies of our deceased kindred and friends without appropriate services, such as express our respect and love for those of whose earthly companionship we are bereft, and turn our thoughts for the hour at least toward the solemnities of eternity.

The existing order with respect to mankind and Nature in general shows that death is as truly a part of the divine plan as is birth.

Following the religious service, whether held in church or chapel, in mortuary or in the family home, comes the saddening duty of interring the mortal remains. The grave is closed and a concluding prayer is offered. It has come to be a custom to speak of the final prayer as one of dedication; and such it is in the broad and general sense in which that term is usually understood. Its usage in connection with burials should not be confused with the application of the word as indicating a specific ordinance requiring the exercise of the authority and power inherent in any particular office of the Holy Priesthood.

The grave-side prayer should include thanksgiving for the safe commital of the body to earth and reverent supplication that it shall again come forth, re-animated by the immortal spirit to which it once gave tenancy, at the time appointed for its resurrection. Any suitable person may offer this closing prayer, whether he be a bearer of the Priesthood or not; though, naturally, if the service has been conducted by men ordained to the Priesthood, one of them would be appointed or chosen to thus officiate at the grave. It is not advised, however, that one so ministering should use words to the effect that he is officiating by virtue of any power or authority pertaining to the Holy Priesthood, nor that by any such authority or power he dedicates the grave. He is acting as the leader in prayer in behalf of all assembled there.

Owing to a degree of misapprehension concerning the grave-side prayer marking the conclusion of the funeral service, some devout people, whose loved ones were laid in the grave some years ago, perhaps to the accompaniment of the ritualistic service of some other church, occasionally make requests

that the graves in which the bodies of their beloved dead have long rested be now dedicated by the Elders of the Church of Latter-day Saints.

It is advised that no dedicatory service be held except it be, as stated, in the nature of a prayer marking the conclusion of the funeral proceedings immediately after interment. The order of the Church does not provide for any later ceremony, and makes no provision for any ordinance of dedication to be administered as a function pertaining to the Priesthood.

[The above informative article from the pen of the late member of the Council of the Twelve was originally published in the "Star" during the year 1927 and is re-published here in response to the request of a Brother in the North of England.—Ed.]

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IS WORLD CONTEMPT FOR MORMONS JUSTIFIED?

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and disturb the current of life in many ways and in many places. People who are comfortably located and well provided for, do not like to be disturbed. It angers them, and they would settle things once for all in the most drastic manner. The effects of certain causes are so unlike anything we have ever known that we are not safe in making philosophy our guide; much less are we safe in making those our guide who have some sort of selfish philosophy that they are anxious that others should follow. Those who defend us do so not unfrequently with an apologetic air. The Saints are never safe in following the protests and counsels of those who would have us ever and always in harmony with the world. We have our particular mission to perform; and that we may perform it in consonance with divine purposes, we are running counter to the ways of man. We are made unpopular. The contempt of the world is on us, and we are the unloved child among the peoples of the earth.

It is not always agreeable to our longing desires for human sympathies. We wonder often that it cannot be otherwise; but when we reflect, it must be so, for God has decreed it. However, the contempt of the world for us does not justify our contempt for the children of God. Hatred is no part of our mission. We must receive with manifest joy every act of kindness and every word of disinterested good will.

PREJUDICES LURK

We live, at times, in periods of universal indifference. Sometimes there are seasons of practical fraternity; but the contempt of the world has been over us from the beginning. There lurks, often unconsciously in the minds of men, prejudices that may at any moment assume a violent character. Those who fancy there is a haven of rest to which we should make our way and await the calm and serenity of an unbiased world, are likely to be filled with frequent if not bitter disappointment.—Juvenile Instructor, Volume 39.

Flashback

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT ARRIVES IN LONDON, 1937

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT reached his 85th birthday anniversary on November 22nd, 1941. The "Millennial Star" desires to extend to him sincere wishes and congratulations on this occasion. Many readers of this journal and members of the British Mission doubtless remember President Grant when he presided over the European Mission, 1901-6, but his visit to this land four years ago during the Centennial Year is fresh in all our memories. The great privilege afforded the British Mormons of hearing the Prophet of the Lord speak was something eagerly awaited and greatly appreciated when it came and the vision of that fine octogenarian, whose amazing vigour, manifested in the fulfilment of an extensive travelling programme and in such an alert mind and memory, is something that will remain long with us. I recall a great moment (illustrated above) when I was fortunate enough to be a member of a party of Saints that awaited the arrival of our beloved leader on a platform of a London terminus. Acting Mission President A. K. Anastasiou (then President of the London District) stepped forward and shook his hand as he left the train and then the strains of "We Thank Thee, O God, For A Prophet" rang throughout the station. Every Saint present thrilled to that magnificent occasion, singing with fervour. We wish President Grant many more years of life of happiness and joy and we thank the Lord indeed for this great Prophet and leader that He has raised in this last day to direct and guide His Holy Church.

WHAT fun it is to walk through the fallen leaves with their colours of russet and gold, covering the paths and avenues. Scattered by your feet they rustle noisily, reminding you of the South wind sighing through the woods. Last Spring you saw those same leaves just budding fresh upon the trees, like little green elves bursting joyfully from their coppery brown wrappings. Spring and Summer passed, and the leaves gradually turned from pale green to deeper shades. Then came Autumn with its East winds, the weather grew colder, changing the leaves from green to copper, red, brown and gold. Then they floated airily down to the ground, making a fairy carpet for you and me.

E. M. B.

"I love you, mother, said little John;
Then forgetting his work, his cap went on,
And he was off to the garden swing,
Leaving his mother the wood to bring.

"I love you, mother," said little Nell,
"I love you better than tongue can tell."
Then she teased and pouted half the day,
Till mother rejoiced when she went to play.

"I love you, mother," said little Nan,
"Today I'll help you all I can,"
To the cradle then she did softly creep,
And rocked the baby till he fell asleep.

Then stepping softly, she took the broom
And swept the floor and dusted the room.
Busy and happy all day was she,
Helpful and cheerful as child could be.

"I love you, mother," again they said,
Three little children going to bed.
How do you think the mother guessed
Which of them really loved her the best?

—Joy Allison.

Home Missionaries' Page

A SPECIAL JOB FOR EVERY HOME MISSIONARY. **Between now and December 20th, every Home Missionary, Members of the Priesthood, Branch and District Presidencies should co-ordinate their efforts and plan to visit every Inactive member or family and ascertain their whereabouts. If some of these cannot be found at the addresses available, local directories and registers must be consulted and every effort made to locate all such members listed in the Branch Records of Members.** One month has been allocated to accomplish this project and bring our membership in every Branch to something like true record. THIS WORK MUST FINALLY BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 20th, when all the EE Annual Reports should be checked by the District Presidents and forwarded to the British Mission Office.

Home Missionaries, Priesthood, Presidents, everybody assigned to this task, will you co-operate with "all your heart, might, mind and strength"? United we shall accomplish it!

We wish to take this opportunity to commend all you faithful Missionaries for the splendid work you are doing. Every District President has cause to be thankful to you for the fine help you are in the Branches of our Mission. This is a great Movement destined to alter for better the course of the history of the Church in Great Britain.

THE MISSION PRESIDENCY WISH TO ASK YOU AGAIN TO "PUT YOUR SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL" AND COMPLETE THE URGENT TASK OF CHECKING THE MEMBERSHIP RECORD IN EVERY BRANCH.

Reports from the Field:

"My Gospel conversations were discussed with my workmates and ended up with my giving them a few pamphlets."—Wm. L. Buchanan, Glasgow.

"Had a very interesting week. Tracted with Lady Missionaries. We had some fine Gospel conversations; also it has been a pleasure to accommodate the Missionaries for two weeks."—A. Parkes, Birmingham.

"We visited a Sister living 42 miles away. She is almost completely paralyzed, but is cheerful and has a firm testimony of the Gospel."—Violet Coleby, Lowestoft.

"Held a cottage meeting at Whiston at which 14 people were present. Also attended a Halloween party where 16 people (members and friends) were present."—Elsie Quinney, Rawmarsh.

"I had the privilege of reading Thirteen Articles of Faith and then the First Chapter to an investigator who is 78 years of age."—E. Peacock, South Shields.

"We visited an old lady whilst tracting, and lent her some of our Church books, which she requested. She seemed very eager to receive them."—Mavis Von Poucke, Batley.

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RIGHT THROUGH THE MISSION, BRANCH RE-UNION DAYS ARE ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE. HOW IS IT IN YOUR BRANCH?

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L.D.S. Pen Friendship League

Under the direction of President A. K. Anastasiou

MORE and more of our members in the Forces are becoming aware of this page in the "Star." Pen Friendship letters of our Brothers and Sisters should, and most of them do, carry a message of the Restored Gospel, a word of encouragement, a ray of light, a thought of true ideal friendship, and finally a prayer of a Latter-day Saint. Only those who have tasted loneliness, sickness, weariness and separation know what comfort there is in silent communion with God. The friendship among our members is uplifting. The writer has occasion to read hundreds of letters from our boys and girls in the Services of our Country: every one of these letters is an inspiration. It is uplifting and even touching to realize what wonderful faith, testimony and trust our members have in the divine message this Church has to give to the broken nations of the world. A Latter-day Saint member of H.M. Forces is a true soldier, a good friend of his immediate companions, and a gentleman to his opposites.

Your Mission President is your sincere and devoted Pen Friend. Write to him often. Confide in him your problems. His wife, our Mission Mother, and the mother of a growing family, is your Pen Friend as well. Write to them. You will be sure of an answer that will comfort you in the hour of need.

Our League membership is growing:

"I would like someone to write to me to cheer me up a little."—Gunner C. Astin, 999656, c/o British Mission Headquarters, 149 Nightingale Lane. London, S.W.12.

"To the best of my knowledge I am quite a considerable distance away from any frequent contact with the Church, and how I need its fellowship cannot be fully expressed in words. I am serving with the R.A.F. near ——— and had given up hope of companionship of any kind until the Pen Friendship League came along, **so would you please publish my name?** I am living the Gospel to the best of my ability." An educated, bright young man, a genuine Latter-day Saint. The rest of his letter is an inspiration. Write to him: Robert A. Wicks, c/o British Mission Headquarters, 149 Nightingale Lane, London, S.W.12.

And two letters from Sisters:

"I was very much impressed by the L.D.S. Pen Friendship League, which you have organized in the Church. Will you please add my name and address? I should very much like to write to some member of the Church. May this League be a great success and may it bring more Church members together."—Miss Marjorie D. Moss, 4 Whitaker Street, Batley, Yorks.

"I think the 'Pen Pals Club' is a grand idea, and would like to join, if you can find me a member in the Forces. I am very fond of reading, dancing and films; I like opera and ballet. I hope the scheme will have the great success it deserves."—Miss Olga Wilkinson, 30 Berry Street, Burnley, Lancs.

NEW WORLD

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for men and women with stout hearts and strong hands, and sometimes we are so wrapped up in our "perishables," in our personal conceit and self-love, that we fail to hear the voice that is calling day and night. We sleep, half waking now and again, to feebly answer the distant call, then falling back into a deeper sleep. Who knows, but that when we waken from that sleep we may have passed on to the Throne of Grace and find ourselves full of regrets. Better to rise now, while it is still daylight, and before the autumn leaves cease to fall. Let us rise and break the shackles that bind us, pray mightily for our Father's help. Joseph Smith was answered, so were the Pioneers—and we know the "password" which they used.

It is said that opportunity knocks but once, and what a long times it takes for us to hear the knock from among the hundred other noises around us. Let us, then, determine to build a new world with the spiritual nourishment we have received from the old.

"Then let us pray that come it may,
As come it will for a' that,
That sense and worth, o'er a' the earth
May bear the gree and a' that.
For a' that and a' that
It's coming yet for a' that,
When man to man the world o'er
Shall brithers be for a' that.

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CHRISTIAN ASPECTS OF TOTALITARIANISM

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as the Latter-day Saints; the Friend Quakers, the Shaking Quakers, and the members of every religious denomination, would be sustained in what they considered to be their rights, so long as their notions were not incompatible with the laws of the Kingdom."

We should teach this doctrine of the rights of men in justice and righteousness, and bring God into our councils, in business, in education, in churches, in politics, and in government, that the government of God may be established upon the earth. It is my firm belief that a lasting peace will not come to this world until we shall accept this principle.

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AND FINALLY A LITTLE HUMOUR . . .

The court was silent, except for the clear-cut tones of the defending counsel.

"And now, gentlemen of the jury," he said, "I ask you; Where could the prisoner have hidden the watch? Not in his pocket; the constable has already told you that the man was searched. Not in his shoes; the watch was too large. Then where was it hidden?"

He paused dramatically for effect, and the prisoner ventured:

"Please, sir, I put it under my 'at."

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